Potomac State Social Club Spring Banquet

Honoring 25 Years of Service

Celebrating Three Years of Retirees (2019-2022)

West Virginia University
POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE

Notes

WVU Potomac State College Social Club
Spring Banquet
Friday, April 29, 2022

Honoring

25 Years of Service

Jay Badenhoop

Doug Little

Retirement

Mary Becker
Carol Combs
Vickie DelSignore
Mark DelSignore
Diana Grady
Cindy Hartman
Helen Jenkins
Lynn Laird
Patty Lee

Judi McCoy
Terri Morris
Mary Murphy
Tom Rotruck
Cherise Southerly
Jim Walton
Ricky Weasenforth
Kathy Weber
Gerald Wilcox

Menu

Tossed Salad with Dressing

Ricotta Stuffed Shells
Parsley Potatoes

Roast Turkey with Herbs and Bacon

Green Beans
Malibu Mixed Vegetables

Dinner Rolls

Dessert

Unsweetened Iced Tea, Coffee, Iced Water

Program

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

President's Greetings
Dr. Jennifer Orlikoff, Campus President

Invocation
Phil Douthitt, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Dinner

Testimonials in Honor of Our Retirees and 25 Years of Service Recognizees

Acknowledgements

Closing Remarks

Jay Badenhoop

Hired 1997

25 Years of Service

Jay started at Potomac State College as a Professor of Chemistry in 1997. He received his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has been an Academic Advisor, Faculty Advisor and will become the Chair of Faculty Assembly beginning August 2022. Jay was named the 2009 Professor of Year

Beyond his job responsibilities, Jay is currently or has been advisor to the Circle K Club, Kiwanis Club Vice President, Coordinator of Regional High School Science Fair, Co-Chair of the Student Conduct Board, Member of Curriculum Committee, Connections Committee, Assessment Council.

He has been published in various journals, manuals and other publications as well as given Conference presentations.

Some fun facts about Jay, he writes articles about science fiction for fan clubs; and collects rare series and movies on DVD.

Doug Little

Hired 1995

25 Years of Service

Doug began his coaching career at WVU in 1995 and came to Potomac State College in 1999 when he was hired by Jack Reynolds to take over the Baseball program that Jack had brought back to the College.

Over the next few years, he developed the Baseball program to where during years 2005 -2007 the team went to the JUCO National Championship in Colorado.

In 2016, he was inducted into the NJCAA Baseball Coaches Association.

Doug recently achieved 800 wins as a coach!

Over the years, Doug has taught many courses including Sport management, Sport Psychology and Athletic coaching courses - the latter being of special interest to him.

Doug's greatest joy is spending time with his family.

Mary Becker

Years of Service 1978-2021

Mary was hired full time with Potomac State College in May 1978, starting exactly 1 day after graduating from the College.

Mary's job and titles have changed over the years, but she has always worked with Accounts payables, budgets, and financial records. Mary retired in 2021 with the title of Business Manager.

Mary was named Outstanding Classified Employee of the Year in 2007. She has served on numerous committees throughout the years.

Mary plans to help her mother consolidate genealogy records, and spend time with family - especially her grandchildren, a 3-year-old grandson and one on the way. She also enjoys being outdoors.

Carol Combs

Years of Service 2001-2020

Carol was initially hired by WVU as Assistant Director of Dining Services in Keyser to transition the program from the outsourced Chartwells Management to WVU self-operations.

In August 2004, she was promoted to Senior Assistant Director for Regional Campuses and supported management of branch operations at WVU Institute of Technology and Jackson's Mill.

In April 2014, Carol was promoted to Director of Auxiliary Services to oversee Housing and Residence Life at Potomac State in addition to directing PSC Dining Services program.

In May 2017, she moved to part-time, working remotely from home, and returned to campus 1 week per month on site full time.

In September 2018, Carol returned to full time employment as Interim Executive Director of Finance and Operations at Potomac State until her retirement in 2020.

Carol is currently serving part-time as Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Foundation Board at Southwest Virginia Community College.

She states she is enjoying life with very little stress and fully appreciating the blessings God has given.

Mark DelSignore

Years of Service 1986-2020

Mark was hired as Farm Supervisor at the College's Black Oak Farm in September 1986. He and his family actually lived on the Farm and Mark thoroughly enjoyed his work. He always says that even though he and his co-workers worked really hard they also had a lot of fun. It never felt like a job because he loved doing it. He worked as supervisor of the Farm through the Fall of 2000.
At this point Mark left the College to accept a new challenge.
In the Fall of 2005, Mark returned to the College as Maintenance Worker and continued in this role until he retired in February 2020.
While both positions were totally different Mark enjoyed working with others to improve the College in any way possible and tirelessly devoted his time, energy and knowledge to the College.
Since retiring in February 2020, Mark has continued working part-time for DelSignore Rental Properties, plans to purchase a band mill this Fall as he loves working with wood, plans to expand his on-line bookstore business, do some traveling and continue spending time with his wife and family.

Vickie DelSignore

Years of Service 1985-2021

Vickie states that she was lucky to have been able to work for Potomac State College for approximately 36 years while being afforded the opportunity to diversify her knowledge of the college by expanding out to different offices/areas of the college.

She was hired in 1985 as Secretary to the Academic Dean, Nancy Hockensmith where she worked directly with the Academic Dean and faculty members. She worked there for 3+ years before transferring to the Business Office, accepting the position of Purchasing Assistant in September 1988 and working in that area for 11 years. Vickie states "this job was totally different from my original position and I enjoyed the challenge of learning how to do the purchasing for Potomac State".

She transferred into the Payroll Accountant position in January 2000. In that position, she handled the payroll and personnel services budget for the college. Vickie feels that this was her most challenging and rewarding position at the College, holding this position for 21 years, until retiring on December 31, 2021.

Since retiring Vickie works part-time for DelSignore Rental Properties. She plans to do some traveling and to continue to spend time with their family and friends.

Cindy Hartman

Years of Service 2012-2022

Cindy was hired by Academic Affairs in 2012, replacing Linda Lancaster. She transferred to the Dean's office in 2014 and then hired by the President in 2015.

Cindy will retire in May 2022 with 10 years of service.

Cindy jokes that after working for the last 45+ years of her life, she plans to lay on the couch, because she is tired! But seriously, she is looking forward to gardening, crafting and traveling.

Helen Jenkins

Years of Service 1973-2022

Helen started at Potomac State College on October 8, 1973. She worked in the Business office, financial aid office and for most of her career serving students and employees in the Cashier's Office and student accounts.

Helen plans to spend time with her family and her grandchildren, whom she loves immensely, and looks forward to plenty of downtime after 49+ years of working.

Diana Grady

Years of Service 1991-2020

Diana was hired as an Administrative Assistant in 1991 and worked for several Deans during her tenure at Potomac State College.

Diana was active on campus while employed, overseeing many initiatives. She was President of the Classified Employees Council the first year she began working. She is proud of the work she did with the Social Justice Council. Diana was named the 2009 Outstanding Classified Staff Person of the Year.

Diana was Social Club secretary for 15 years and spent much of her time reminding people to pay their dues!

Diana states that the best part of retirement is that she can do whatever she wants whenever she wants and spend time with her family.

Lynn Laird

Years of Service 1983-2021

Lynn has approximately 28 years of service with Potomac State College. She was hired in 1983 and states she was on the 5 year work plan. That is, she worked 5 years, left to teach in public school for 5 years, and then stayed home with her children, Daniel and Lindsay, for 5 years.

She returned back to Potomac State College in 1998, where she was the English Tutor for Student Support Services and later, the Academic Success Center where she worked until her retirement in June 2021.

Lynn spends time between two states: Maryland and North Carolina. When asked about retirement, Lynn stated, "The beauty of retirement is I no longer have to have a pan. I can now look at each day, each week, each month and decided what I hope to do with it. My only plan is that many of those days include friends, family, laughter, joy and love".

Judi McCoy

Years of Service 2001-2022

Judi started her career at Potomac State College as a Temp in 2001 and became full time in 2004.
Judi has had various job duties in the Business Office including the auditing of Purchasing (PCard) Card reports.
When Judi retires in June, she plans to spend quality time with her granddaughters.

Terri Morris

Years of Service 1978-2020

Terri began her employment at Potomac State College in August 1978 and retired in 2020 with 42 years of service. She worked in Admissions and Records, located in the area where the Academic Affairs Office is located. Later on, Financial Aid joined the office to be renamed the Office of Enrollment Services and the entire office moved to State Street eventually.

Terri states she served on a number of committees and as well as search committees. Retirement has included spending more time with family and grandchildren, helping my parents, and joining the Hampshire County Wellness Center.

Mary Murphy

Years of Service 1984-2022

Mary has 40 years of service to WVU and Potomac State College, as she began her career in the Bookstore in Morgantown before transferring into her position at Potomac State following her mother's retirement. During her tenure, she has worked diligently alongside numerous faculty, staff and administrators and kept the Bookstore running efficiently. She will officially retire on June 30, 2022. Mary states she is looking forward to living without a schedule. And plans on traveling, visiting family and friends, and puttering around the house and yard—enjoying the birds and squirrels!

Fun Fact about Mary: She loves loves loves eating blue crabs!

Patty (Lee) Roberts

Years of Service 2000-2021

Patty was hired by WVU in 2000 and worked in the Morgantown libraries for six years before being hired by the Center for Excellence in Disabilities working for the Visions program, a grant program for senior citizens with vision problems, for 2 1/2 years. Once the grant ended, she was hired by Potomac State College in 2008.

Patty served as the Program Assistant for Marketing and Communications until 2019. She then moved to the Library as the Library Technical Assistant. During her tenure, she assisted with and facilitated placement testing for numerous high school and incoming students.

She retired December 2021.

Patty started her retirement by getting 'hitched' to her high school sweetheart, Floyd. She plans on enjoying their farm and playing with their border collie, Molly, who Patty states is her "pride and joy and the smartest dog in the world".

Tom Rotruck

Years of Service 1982-2022

Tom was hired in December 1982 at the Potomac State College dairy farm caring for cattle, sheep and hogs. Tom remembers fondly that Potomac State also grew their own crops at that time.

Tom began working on campus Sept 11, 2001. He worked in Custodial services, first at the library and then Science hall for approximately 17 years.

He then began working in the Maintenance Department until his retirement in April 2022.

Tom states he has seen good times and bad times at the College. He would like to acknowledge Dr. Kerry Odell as a favorite administrator.

Tom continues to run his business of 40 years, Rotruck Roofing. He also plans to spend as much time as he can with his grandchildren, the apples of his eye.

Cherise Southerly

Years of Service 2001-2020

Cherise started in the Health Center in 2001. Cherise has seen many changes in the healthcare industry over the years. She retired in May 2020, but due to Covid was asked to return on a part time basis. Her role in the Health Center now is Nurse Supervisor, where she works closely with Diana Niland and Nursing students.

Cherise plans to spend more time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She wants to plant a garden, cook more, read novels and crochet.

Jim Walton

Years of Service 2002-2019

Coach Walton retired in 2019 after 18 years with the PSC athletic department. He started as an assistant softball coach during the 2002 season and was named the head softball coach for the 2008 season. Walton led the Catamounts for 12 seasons, amassing a record of 293 wins, 174 losses and one tie. Coach Walton assumed the head coaching duties of the women's basketball team for the 2004-2005 season and has a 15-year record of 261 wins against 120 losses. Walton also coached the Potomac State volleyball team for two seasons, 2004 and 2005. Since 2004, Coach Walton has also held the assistant athletic director position in the PSC athletic department.

Reminiscing over his coaching career, Coach Walton points out that winning percentage and championships are not the number one source of pride, it's the athletes and the atmosphere within his softball and basketball programs. "A number of young ladies have come through our programs and went on to thrive as athletes in four-year schools. We have numerous athletes that excelled academically at Potomac State and beyond. A large percentage of our women have moved on to successful professional careers." Walton continued, "That's what I am most proud of. I'd like to think our program helped our athletes mature and develop, not only as softball or basketball players, but also beyond that, in all facets of their lives."

Rick Weasenforth

Years of Service 2015-2019

Rick ("Ricky" or "Wease") was hired as a campus service worker in 2015 and worked in various areas across campus until he retired in 2020.

Ricky enjoys spending time and camping at the river, watching WVU sports, and partying with his good friends. He loves Budweiser, shooting pool and listening to his favorite band Led Zeppelin.

Ricky is married to April and has 3 sons and 5 grandchildren.

He has his own wood-working shop.

On any given day, Ricky can be heard saying his famous slogans like:

"The Wease is still alive and well"

"They call me the Wease"

"Til the Wease says no mo"

Fun Fact: Ricky hates cutting grass!

Kathy Weber

Years of Service 1984-2019

Kathy Weber dutifully served students at Potomac State College through her time at Mary F. Shipper Library.

Kathy held differing levels of responsibility, from working with the students at the service desk to being responsible for day-to-day purchasing, budget, cataloging, and more. She completed her work thoughtfully and anyone who had the pleasure of working along side her can attest to her cheerful attitude and positive spirit.

This is in part reflected by her diligent care of office plants, including those on the main floor.

When her granddaughter was born, it was clear to all who worked with Kathy that it wouldn't be long before retirement was on the horizon. Kathy has happily spent the last few years of retirement with family and enjoyed their company. We continue to wish her well.

Gerald Wilcox

Years of Service 1979-2022

During his 43-year career at PSC, Dr. Gerald (Gerry) Wilcox has instructed lectures and laboratories in the content areas of general biology, biology (majors), ecology, evolution, general microbiology, and honors biology.

Gerry was recognized as Professor of the Year in 2006, and has been nominated several times since, but declined to submit a file so other faculty members could be honored.

Gerry has served in many capacities, including: STEM Division Chair for 25 years; Pre-Occupational Therapy, Pre-Physical Therapy and Exercise Physiology Adviser; Co-Adviser, PSC Circle K Club; College-Wide-Review Committee; Advisory Council of Faculty; West Virginia University Faculty Senate; West Virginia University Advisory Panel for Promotion and Tenure; Chair of the Faculty Welfare Committee; Chair of the PSC Faculty Assembly Executive Committee; Chair of the PSC Faculty Assembly.

Gerry received a Certificate of Appreciation in 2019 for 40 years of loyal and dedicated service to the State of West Virginia by WV Governor Jim Justice, and he was the recipient of a 2021 West Virginia University Mountaineer Values Coin for Respect from President Orlikoff.

"My 43 years of teaching at Potomac State College have been fulfilling and rewarding. I can honestly say that I looked forward to each-and-every day. My PSC family has made this journey fun and enjoyable."

A Roster of Those Who Have Served
Potomac State College for 25 Years or More

Ida Menefee	1902-1934
William D. Anthony	1913-1946
Rebecca Z. Carroll	1924-1966
Ernest Kissinger	1935-1970
Dana G. Lough	1935-1970
Gertrude S. Stanhagen	1935-1973
Ernest E. Church	1936-1964
Kirkland S. McKee	1936-1963
Ervin L. Dayton	1937-1970
Nancy M. Miller	1937-1967
Isabella R. Clifford	1938-1970
David G. Nuzum	1938-1977
Mary F. Shipper Byrer	1938-1973
Albert O. Willhide	1938-1943, 1945-1972
Elizabeth Atwater Alexander	1939-1978
Leonard G. Withers	1939-1973
James T. Handlan, Jr.	1942-1977
Walter A. Jaworek	1942-1972
Walter H. Boone	1943-1972
Viola U. Lough	1943-1970

Leontine B. Nuzum	1943-1973
Richard A. Smith	1945-1996
Helen C. Criner	1946-1978
Paul F. Iverson	1946-1975
William E. Michael	1946-1979
Dewey V. Rotruck	1946-1982
Helen M. Hartman	1946-1947, 1957-1983
Allen E. Murphy	1948-1985
Raymond H. Tasker	1949-1985
Marion B. Fallon	1950-1956, 1962-1983
Kenneth F. Haines	1952-1996
Albert A. Strother	1952-1979
Rosie L. Wilson	1952-1979
Irene B. Hartman	1953-1983
Alan H. Paine	1954-1982
Thelma L. O'Connor	1955-1984
Alyce Mae Smith	1955-1985
Oscar H. Gustafson	1956-1988
Wayman D. Hoalcraft	1956-1993
Elizabeth P. Hanlin	1957-1982
Virginia E. Johnson	1957-1984
J. Ernest Staggs	1957-1959, 1961-1985

Jack M. Hartman	1959-1986
Kenneth M. Malone	1960-1985
Jasper T. Morris	1960-1987
Mary Evelyn Coffman	1961-1986
Frank H. Stewart	1961-1988
Charles D. Whitehill	1961-1996
Richard A Davis	1963-2002
William H. Gallier	1963-1992
Betty J. Howard	1963-1989
Larry G. Bolyard	1964-1999
Nancy M. Hockensmith	1965-1996
Harlene K. Ellis	1966-1995
Betty J. Haines	1966-1993
Francine G. Shanahan	1966-1996
David A. Whetzel	1966-1993
Dallas B. Shaffer	1967-1996
D. Anthony Whitmore	1967-1999
Robert V. Doll	1968-2000
William C. Edel	1969-2001
Linda S. Lancaster	1969-2013
Jeff R. Miller	1969-2005
George T. Arnold	1970-2005

Jack L. Reynolds	1970-2005
Wanda L. Twyman	1970-1997
Lester K. Beavers	1971-1997
Charlotte A. Rawlings	1971-1999
Peter L. Paulson	1972-2001
Harlan N. Shreve	1972-2018
John C. Stone	1972
M. Helen Jenkins	**1973-2022**
Patricia K. Lindsey	1974-2016
Edward M. Wade	1974-2000
James C. Coffman	1975-2005
James M. Hoey	1975-2012
Trevor A. Owen	1975-2002
Gary A. Seldomridge	1975-2016
Henry S. Falkowski	1976-2018
Paula A. Piehl	1976-2005
Debra L. Wilson	1977-2017
Mary S. Becker	1978-2022
Dinah W. Courrier	1978-2009
Terri L. Morris	1978-2020
Carol S. Wertman	1978-2014
John A. Hawkins	1979-2013

Richard L. Washington	1979-2005
Gerald R. Wilcox	1979-2022
Richard A. Bachman	1980-2007
Harvey E. Jones	1980-2014
Karen L. Campbell	1982-2014
Mary P. Murphy	**1982-2022**
Thomas W. Rotruck	**1982-2022**
Cline E. Slaubaugh	1982-2012
Lorene L. Harrison	1983-2018
Karen G. Peer	1983-2015
Mohammad H. Saifi	1983
Fred M. Downey	1984-2012
Jeffrey L. Helmick	1984-2015
Fred W. Jacoby	1984-2015
Patricia S. McGuire	1984-2016
Kathleen S. Weber	**1984-2019**
Vickie L. DelSignore	**1985-2021**
Barry A. Harrison	1985-2018
Terry G. Falkowski	1986
Jill L. Gardner	1986-2015
Christine S. Hess	1986
Charles R. Preston	1986-2012

Susan J. Slaubaugh	1986-2019
Randy G. Leatherman	1987-2017
William M. Letrent	1987
Kathy R. Ludwick	1988-2017
Phillip D. Douthitt	1989
Linda C. Bane	1990-2018
Michael T. Cannon	1990
Diana L. Grady	**1991-2020**
Rebecca E. Wilkins	1991-2017
George Cayton	1992
Mark DelSignore	**1992-2020**
William Perry	1992-2008
Judy Ninesteel	1993-2018
Mike Simpson	1993-2018
Doug Little	1995
Jay Badenhoop	1997

Social Club Committee for Arrangements

2021-2022

President	Michelle House
Vice President	Nick Gardner
Secretary	Kara Hotchkiss
Treasurer	Jaynie Gilbert
Flower Chairperson	Molly Alvaro
Executive Committee	Phil Douthitt
	Mary Murphy
	Diana Niland
Special Thanks	Dining Services
	Madeline Jackowski
	David Miller
	Dr. Jennifer Orlikoff
	Terrie Rogers

Thank you for attending this evening
to celebrate our honorees

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